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24. (Amended) A computer-assisted method of creating a hard copy document, comprising:

receiving an electronic document;

receiving user input that selects an instruction for assembling a hard copy document;

depicting a visual appearance of the electronic document [once] <u>as if</u> printed and assembled in accordance with the instruction; and

providing the electronic document and the user input to a document assembler.

Please add the following new claims:

28. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the computer receives user input that selects a plurality of instructions.

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- 29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the second electronic document includes a plurality of layers to determine the order in which effects associated which the plurality of 'instructions are applied to the first document.
 - 29. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the plurality of layers includes an organizational information layer, a background layer, a printed content layer, a virtual proof annotations layer, and a finishing options layer.
 - 30. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the instruction identifies cutting of the printing media.
 - 31. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the instruction identifies folding of the printing media.
 - 32. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the instruction identifies the size of the tile.